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The nations at war have an expense which did not bother them much the first year of the war, but which will grow steadily worse. This is the interest charges on money already borrowed. The financial aspect of the great war is fast becoming more serious than the strictly military phase. The January 1 interest bill of the five principal nations engaged was somewhere around a billion dollars and all of them have to borrow to pay it. A business man, who has to borrow money to meet his interest charge is commonly looking bankruptcy in the face. More and more it looks as though the war pocket-books will play out before the armies are worsted.

Newspaper readers will notice in the dispatches sent out from Mexico Villa and his followers are referred to as bandits, robbers, etc. These messages come from Carranza sources. As a matter of fact, there is no particular difference between the followers of Carranza and the followers of Villa. They were formerly of the same group and Villa and Carranza were associated in the leadership. When the two men quarreled and started to fight each other there is no reason to suppose that all the bad Mexicans followed Villa and all the good ones became supporters of Carranza. Carranza is an older man, a little better educated, of less natural ability, but of more stability of character probably, but there is no particular choice between the followers of the two men. Anarchy and rebellion, rapine, murder and destruction will be the order in Mexico until the United States or some other strong nation steps in and establishes a stable government and gives it support until it is able to stand alone and give the country a chance to recover and recuperate. Mexico is a wonderfully rich, beautiful and healthful country, but poverty, ignorance and degradation there have brought the people so low that it will take more than one generation for them to come back.

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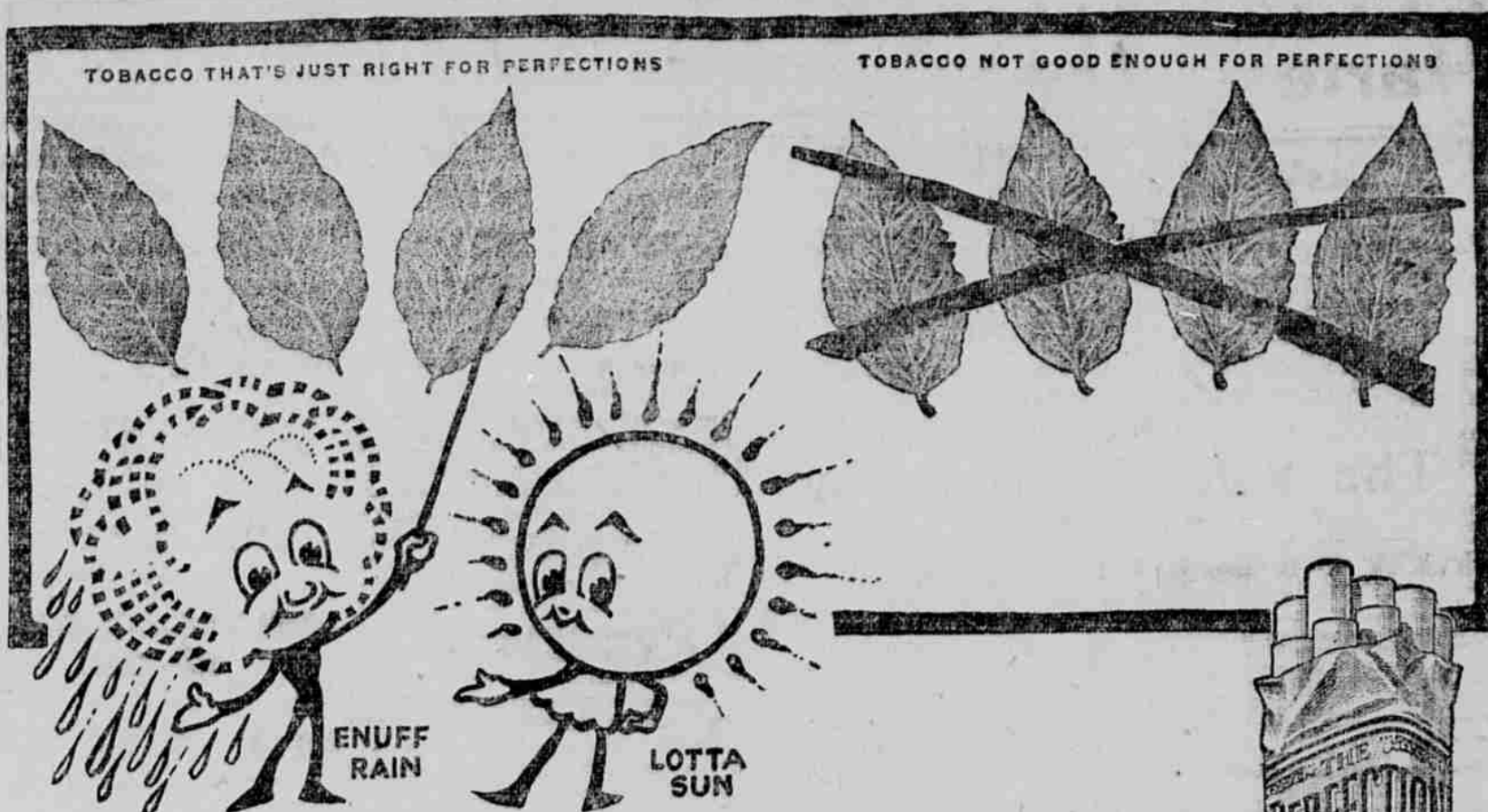
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### OBITUARY

The death of Mrs. Loren J. Barton occurred at her home in South Shaftsbury Sunday morning, January 9th. Death which was the culmination of a long period of illness, was due to acute neuritis. The deceased is survived by her husband, a daughter, a son, three sisters, and one brother. Mrs. Barton's funeral was largely attended from her late home Tuesday afternoon. Her pastor, Rev. Peter Heller, officiated.

Mrs. Barton who was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wright, was born in Jackson, N. Y., February 14, 1844. Her childhood and youth however, were passed in East Dorset and Manchester, as her parents went to the former town to reside while she was still an infant. At the early age of ten years, and while still a resident of East Dorset, she, with an older sister, matriculated at Burr and Burton seminary in Manchester. While a student at this institution she displayed remarkable proficiency in the subjects included in her course—a course for the most part in advance of her years. At the age of seventeen years she engaged in teaching, in which occupation success was as marked as had been that of her student life.

November 30, 1868, Miss Helen J. Wright was united in marriage with Loren J. Barton. For a few months thereafter Mr. and Mrs. Barton continued to reside in Manchester. This was followed by a brief residence in Clarendon and a subsequent return to Manchester. In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Barton became residents of Shaftsbury, where, with the exception of one or two brief intervals they have since remained.

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